

### **ARGUMENTS/REMARKS**

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given the present application. The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action, and amended as necessary to more clearly and particularly describe and claim the subject matter, which applicants regard as the invention.

Claims 4, 7, 10-12, 14, and 16-22 remain in this application. Claims 1-3, 5-6, 8-9, 13 and 15 have been canceled by this amendment. Claims 10-14 and 16-19 have been allowed. The Examiner objected to claims 4, 7, 9, and 22, but indicated that they would be allowable if put into independent format.

Applicant notes that the rejection of claims 20-21, discussed below, was improper, as the Examiner failed to list the reference(s) relied upon for the rejection. Accordingly, the Examiner should provide applicant with a supplemental action to correct this problem.

Claims 4 and 7 have been amended to include some of the limitations taken from their parent claims, and are patentable over the cited references.

Claims 1-3, 5 and 8 were again rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Weadon (U.S. 6,226,501) in view of Johnson (U.S. 6,463,262). Claim 6 was rejected as being unpatentable over Weadon and Johnson in view of Norman (U.S. 6,073,027). Claim 15 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Weadon and Johnson in view of Roeder (U.S. 5,491,745). These claims have been canceled, making the rejection moot.

Claims 20 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by XX. For the following reasons, the rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants cannot determine what "XX" is. The rejection fails to name any reference or provide any reference number. Furthermore, the Examiner does not cite any reference numbers or cite any teachings, merely reciting the claimed features verbatim as being shown in figure 4A-C. Accordingly, this rejection is improper.

Although the Weadon reference has figure numbers as cited by the Examiner, applicants cannot assess if this is the cited reference because the Examiner's rejection fails to cite what features taught by the cited reference supposedly correspond with the claim features.

For example, claim 20 specifically recites a cover having a "second key entry means including a top portion of a particular width and a flat bottom portion connected to said top portion, said flat bottom portion of a width larger than said particular width" wherein "wherein, when said cover is in a closed position, a portion of said flat bottom portion is extended toward a corresponding one of said first key entry means by depressing said top portion of said second key entry means with a force, causing said portion of said flat bottom portion to contact said corresponding one of said first key entry means to activate said corresponding one of said first key entry means".

Applicant can see no such structure taught by the Weadon reference. In particular, as is clear from Figure 4C, the secondary keys 44a do not have any flat portion that can be in contact with the primary keys 24, because substrate 57 would prevent any such function. Thus, the claims are patentable over Weadon.

Any remaining claims not individually addressed are patentable for at least one of the above reasons, or an additional reason.

In consideration of the foregoing analysis, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 33023US1.

Respectfully submitted,  
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